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Comments: Yes, there are unique recreational opportunities afforded on the Middle Fork of the Piru Creek. The Forest Service should recognize and elevate them in its 20-year Management Plan.

This is particularly true of the 3-mile section just below the Pyramid Dam that our group of intermediate level paddlers explored for two days in December of 2019.

The feel is of deep wilderness, yet the dam and the 5 Freeway are just beyond.

It makes for an unforgettable and accessible immersion into wilderness kayaking without the risks of a remote multi-day adventure.

The effect goes beyond recreation: it creates stewards of and advocates for protecting and preserving this unique location and its natural assets.

Please recognize and aid this broad-reaching impact unique in the highly urbanized outdoor infrastructure of LA County.

For the record, half of the ten participants in the December 2019 flow study came from outside LA County. All members of the group took off two days from paid work to participate. All agreed that given appropriate access and flow, they would return to do the run again.